



USS *Gloucester*, PF-22

A city and port of Essex County, Massachusetts.

Builder: Walter Butler Shipbuilding Company, Superior, Wisconsin

Length: 303' 11"

Beam: 37' 6"

Draft: 12' 8" fl

Displacement: 2,230 tons

Propulsion: 2-shaft VTE, 3 boilers

Range: 9,500 nm at 12 knots

Top speed: 20 knots

Complement: 190

Armament: 3 x 3"/50; 2 x 40mm (2x2); 9 x 20mm; 1 x Hedgehog, 8 x depth charge projectors; 2 x depth charge racks. For those frigates fitted out for weather patrol duty, the after 3-inch gun was removed and a weather balloon hanger was added aft.

History:

The *Gloucester* (PF-22) a frigate, was launched 12 July 1943 by the Walter Butler Shipbuilding Co., Superior, Wis., under a Maritime Commission contract ; sponsored by Mrs. Emily K. Ross ; acquired and simultaneously commissioned 10 December 1943.

Following shakedown, *Gloucester* was employed in training frigate crews at Galveston, Texas. On 16 June 1944 she was attached to Escort Division 38 and was later ordered to the Alaskan Sea Frontier for transfer to Russia under lend-lease legislation. Leased to Russia 4 September 1945 and renamed *EK-26*, she served as a patrol vessel in the Far East. *Gloucester* was returned to the United States at Yokosuka, Japan, 31 October 1949 and recommissioned 11 October 1950.

She sailed from Yokosuka 27 November 1950 for Korea and conducted patrol and antisubmarine warfare duties at Wonsan, Pusan, Inchon, and Kusan until returning to Yokosuka 21 January 1951. *Gloucester* subsequently engaged in patrol and escort duties at Wonsan and saw combat 18 June 1951 when with other ships she blasted gun emplacements at Wonsan. She continued her duties in Korean waters through the fall of 1951.

On 11 November 1951 while cruising off Kojo in a duel with shore batteries, *Gloucester* took a direct hit that killed 1 man and wounded 11. Following repairs at Japan, she returned to Korean waters to continue effective support of U.N. forces ashore. Arriving at Yokosuka 5 September 1952, she decommissioned there 15 September 1952. *Gloucester* was loaned to Japan 1 October 1953, struck from the Navy List 1 December 1961, and transferred to Japan in March 1962 where she served as *Tsuge* (PF-292).

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